

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Melvin H Pollack

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment submitted 10/14/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 69-112.
3. The drawings filed on 14 April 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20050126.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other see attached office action.

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. The examiner has determined that priority shall be granted based on the provided PCT copy and upon the remarks given. The new effective date is October 16, 1997.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ann McCrackin on 01 February 2005.
4. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 114-120, 122-127 and 129 are cancelled.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The examiner agrees with the remarks and amendment provided for claims 69-112, and has determined that the independent claims are drawn to a novel combination of the items.

6. As stated in Pages 16 and 17 of the remarks section, the invention is drawn to a method of remotely configuring a communication apparatus for communication over a network to access at least one service system. The method uses a remote configuration system that acts as an authentication device and provides configuration data so that the apparatus is automatically configured to directly and independently communicate with the service system(s) without use of

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a "broker." The remote configuration system is capable of updating the apparatus, but does not act as a broker. Further, the apparatus cannot directly and independently communicate with the service system(s) unless and until the apparatus communicates with the remote configuration system; that is the apparatus initially may communicate only with the remote configuration server and with no other server. These methods are provided in a structure with a variety of limitations.

7. As discussed, the prior art does not provide a teaching in which a remote configuration system is capable of the limitations expressed above but does not act as a broker or provide setup configurations to an apparatus with little configuration data. Therefore, the examiner has determined that the combined limitations are novel in light of the art, and for the reasons provided in the amendment.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melvin H Pollack whose telephone number is (571) 272-3887. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on (571) 272-6159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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